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(Atty Docket No. : MET-021US2)

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**Inventors:** Li *et al.*  
**Title:** ANTISENSE OLIGONUCLEOTIDE INHIBITION OF  
SPECIFIC HISTONE DEACETYLASE ISOFORMS  
**Group Art Unit:** 1635  
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**APPLICANTS' REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED 6 MAY 2003**

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed 6 May 2003.  
Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the presently rejected claims 1-3 and 5-7 in view of the following amendment and remarks.